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TO: Dr. Kissinger

FROM: B/Gen. Haig, MACV, Saigon

1. General Abrams and his staff have proven totally responsive to problem areas developed as a result of visit to Phnom Penh and special requests made to me by Lon Nol. Brief status report follows:

A. Improved helicopter support: Starting immediately, six helos will be made available to Cambodians each day for command and control, liaison, MEDEVAC and other emergency requirements;

B. Artillery: MACV will update shipment of 6 tubes immediately with 2 additional batteries hopefully provided by 1 January. Remainder of artillery in program will be expedited;

C. Armor: MACV hopes to man 10 of 25 APC's in program as soon as possible, hopefully within the week with the balance by mid January;

D. Small Arms: 10,000 M-15 rounds will be moved by 1 January, and 45,000 M-1 carbine rounds should arrive by March;

E. Riverine Forces: Seven PBR's will be shipped immediately and the remainder of 19 in the program will be expedited. This may require pressure on the Department of Navy through DOD and JCS.

F. Bulldozers for Airport Repair: Kampong Cham is cut off entirely except for slow water entry and has no operating air field.

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MACV indicates a special mission with aerial crane and borrowed ARVN dozer can and will be set up immediately;

G. Improved ARVN/VNAF Responsiveness: General Abrams, as a result of the letter he received last week from the President has placed General Weyand in overall charge of coordinating ARVN, Fank and U.S. activities in Cambodia. ARVN has appointed LGen Nguyen Van Manh to work in new coordinating triumverate and Cambodians will soon designate their representative. General Abrams envisions that group will meet in Phnom Penh or SVN at least weekly and on quiet basis to insure activities of all forces are well coordinated and requirements properly assessed. I am confident system will greatly facilitate exchange of information and more effective operational programs for ground, sea and air operations in support of Cambodia.